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by deleting the amendatory language of subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 and by substituting instead the following:

(a) (1) On and after July 1, 2001, the department of human services shall implement a system of child care brokers across the state in which the department contracts with or enters into grants with public entities, not-for-profit entities, or for-profit entities in such regions across the state as the commissioner may determine in response to a request for proposal issued by the department. The department may not use department of human services employees for delivering such broker services. The department shall maintain such a system of brokers through grants or contracts so long as funds are available for such purpose.

(2) The department of human services may not terminate until December 31, 2003, any contract or grant for a child care broker services performed by a nonprofit agency or public entity in effect on January 1, 2001, unless:

(1) Such agency or entity fails to perform contract or grant obligations in a timely or proper manner;

(2) Such agency or entity violates any terms of the contract or grant;

(3) Such agency or entity is ineligible for employment on public contracts pursuant to the provisions of title 12, chapter 4; or

(4) Funding for such child care broker services ceases to exist.

(b)

(1) No person, nonprofit agency or public entity (including the staff, corporate officers and board members of any such agency or entity)

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may be awarded a contract or grant to perform child care broker services, if such person, agency or entity (or its staff, corporate officers or board members) has an interest in a child care agency. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any nonprofit agency or public entity receiving state funding for other related child care services.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Head Start grantee that also acts as a child care broker from issuing certificates to any Head Start program for the purpose of providing wrap-around child care services.

(3) In cases of hardship in which a nonprofit agency or public entity is the sole provider of child care center services in a city, county or other defined geographic area, the commissioner of human services may, on a year-to year basis, waive the restrictions otherwise imposed by this subsection.